

have is this, I would disagree with Senator Maurstad and Senator Kristensen in that this should not be a difficult vote, this vote should be a slam dunk. I mean this, the bill is...contains a number of elements that have been outlined by Senator Wickersham that are important. The...I obviously support very fervently the language that we've adopted with respect to firefighters and cancer and just getting them in the door. And Senator Brashear outlined very well exactly how it would work. It's not a big deal. It's not a big deal at all. The cities have blown this out of proportion. And, frankly, whether or not we had changed the date from June 1, '96 to June 1, '97, I firmly believe the cities would be in here trying to repeal the entire section anyway. I'm sure they'll do that next year. I would simply urge you to support the passage of LB 1076.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Will. Seeing no further lights, Senator Wesely to close on the motion.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Madam President and members. I understand the various feelings that people have and perspectives. I simply note that it's unfortunate that we didn't have the chance to deal with the issue straight up yesterday and adopt an amendment that would have merely delayed the Will amendment and thus dealt with the concerns that we had without losing the rest of the bill. Now we have no, no real option other than to go yes for the entire bill or no on the entire bill. You'll have to make your choice as to what you want to do. As for myself, I will be voting no based on the Will amendment, but I certainly understand the other perspectives people have. With that I ask for withdrawal of this motion.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The motion is withdrawn. LB 1076.

CLERK: (Read LB 1076 on Final Reading.)

PRESIDENT ROBAK: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB 1076 pass? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Please record.

CLERK: (Read record vote as found on page 2045 of the Legislative Journal.) 34 ayes, 7 nays, 7 present not voting, 1 excused and not voting.